



Via ECFS

August 15, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to you on behalf of Petaluma Community Access. You may remember an inadvertent yet friendly telephone conversation we had in May of 2016 when I was requesting an extension for the construction permit for our new radio station KPCCA-LP FM. The extension was granted, construction completed, broadcast license received and we are on the air! We are a Sonic customer, and we urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition.

We use a Sonic FlexLink Long Range T1 circuit running symmetrically at 1.5 Mbps for our studio transmitter link.

We are using the Sonic service because it offers the static IP addresses our link equipment requires. We attempted to use AT&T and unfortunately they didn't inform us they could not provide static IP addresses we requested until after they installed the communications equipment. If they offered a service that would provide static IP it was prohibitively expensive. The customer service from AT&T was also extremely poor. We turned to Sonic and they were able to provide us with what we needed at a very good price and even recommended we utilize the CA Teleconnect Fund, which cut our fees in half. Their customer service is excellent.

Due to line of sight issues, we are unable to utilize wireless broadband for our STL. If we are no longer able to purchase the FlexLink service over copper wire from Sonic, we would potentially lose our STL completely, or face extremely high costs from AT&T if they provide the service at all.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,
Robert Tomaszewski
Radio Station Manager
Petaluma Community Access